

# The DX Bulletin

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## "MISFORTUNE:

The kind of fortune that never misses."

-- Ambrose Bierce

The Devil's Dictionary

THE PINK TDXB Survey sheet you received last week should have been over-printed in black, with instructions and a numbered list of 193 DXCC countries. Unfortunately, some of you got sheets which were not overprinted; if you did, and wish to participate in the Survey, please send TDXB a postcard or leave a message at 203-871-7699 (callsign and Zip code) and we will send you another sheet immediately. If you have already written or phoned, it is not necessary to do so again.

TDXB accepts full responsibility for this foul-up, and we apologize for the inconvenience. Most self-employed people will tell you that the best thing about it is knowing where the buck stops, because it is never passed!

PROPAGATION: May 30, High Normal; Jun 1, High/Low Normal; Jun 2, Low Normal; Jun 3-5, High Normal; Jun 6, High/Low Normal; Jun 7,8, Below Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
190	143	5/18	134	16	n/a
189	152	5/19	143	15	2
176	155	5/20	149	8	4
176	165	5/21	146	25	3
166	155	5/22	148	28	4
156	155	5/23	140	30	3
166	147	5/24	137	52	5

ZONE 23: Most North Americans who have completed 5-Band WAZ worked UØY on all bands back in the Fall of 1979. Now, UWØMF reports that another expedition is taking shape for this year, Oct 1 to Nov 31. They'll sign UØY again, on "all bands and modes," and work the CQ WW Phone Contest at the end of October. More info as it is available.

ZS22A came on 20 CW the week of May 16, claiming to be on Marion Island. A call to his WA4 "manager" brought a negative response. He was worked at 0300Z on 14025.

KAMPUCHEA: according to the Japan DX News, JALUT and JALHQQ met Prime Minister San Son at Bansange. They say San Son has expressed an interest in activating an amateur station in Kampuchea. Money is being collected in Japan to support the venture.

HCJB, "The Voice of the Andes," will contribute to the celebration of World Communications Year by operating amateur station HC1JB June 11 and 12. HC1JB was assigned to Clarence Moore, an American, who invented the cubical quad...he was chief engineer at HCJB in the 1950's. The broadcast station was so high in altitude that static was a continuing problem, which Moore correctly perceived could be alleviated by a closed-loop antenna.

The HC1JB operation will utilize antennas at HCJB's transmitting site at Pifo, Ecuador; all operation will be SSB, 10-40 Meters. On 21445 KHz, they'll be using a 24-element quad (24 dB gain), which is aimed at Europe. The 14245 station will feature a new steerable antenna system, rated at 24 dB gain, which HCJB uses to broadcast to Europe on the 25 Meter SW band. There will also be SSB on 7045, and possibly some Oscar 8 work. QSL to HC1JB, Casilla 691, Quito, Ecuador.

CHINA: the operators at BY1PK are aware of a brief opening to North America on 20, at around 1500-1530Z; it might be wise to listen for them then at 14050. This opening would favor the West Coast, be marginal in the Midwest, and probably not usable to the East Coast until autumn.

KC6SZ E. Carolines operation Mar 18-27 by JA6BSM netted about 15,000 contacts, including 4000 in the CQ WPX Contest. JA6BSM is manager for that operation only, not for KC6IN.

A recent (May 16) QSO with a Polish station indicated that about five hundred SP's are now active, but another thousand still await authorization...when the ban was lifted last winter TDXB predicted it would be the end of 1983 before most former SP's were on again.

TRINIDADE: PY1EFW/PYØT rumored leaving soon. DX News Sheet (England) says CP6EL and others will activate Trindade Jun 5-15, but we can't verify that.

BANGLADESH: various European sources continue to report S2BTF on SEANET (14320/1200Z), but no reports in North America. It is curious that Peter, a Britisher, would be able to activate his license (he was active briefly in 1979/early 1980), while the recent JA group was unable to get their equipment into the country.

VK9NS is trying 160 Meters from Norfolk Is; he's there at 1000Z on 1812.

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"RESCUED RADIO HAM:

'IT WAS REAL HELL.'"

by Jim Gilchrist

"THE FOUR lucky-to-be alive survivors of the stricken yacht, Sidharta, spoke of their 10-day ordeal when they stepped ashore in Hong Kong yesterday (April 22).

"'It was real hell,' said the West German radio ham, Mr. Drobica Baldur (48), after spending 243 hours drifting helplessly without food and water in the South China Sea. All four survivors, including the skipper's wife, Ms Jenny Toh Swee Neo, looked remarkably unscathed after the 10-day sea rescue drama. The skipper, Mr. Peter Marx, speaking shortly after he landed, said one reason they had survived was probably the fact that they had a big meal, with a lot to drink, just one hour before the yacht sank.

"He said they had also drunk a lot the day before. They had not had any food or water with them on the dinghy and there was no rain during their ten days adrift. 'It was perfect holiday weather,' he said. He revealed that the dinghy had also been damaged during the shooting and had holes which they stuffed with their T-shirts. But one of them always had to be awake to bail water out of the dinghy. Mr Marx had nothing but praise for the way they were treated on board the Panamanian-registered container ship, Linden, which rescued them.

"Although the first thing he asked for was a beer, all he received was a small glass of water. They were all given small amounts of warm water each hour so as not to upset their systems. They were also only given small rations of food on the first day. 'The captain said it would have been dangerous to have beer. It was very frustrating to see the big flagon of water and only be given a mouthful though' Mr Marx said.

"The medical treatment they received must also have been good, because doctors at the hospital where they were examined discharged them in under two hours. Looking sunburnt and with skin peeling off his face and arms, Mr Marx said Mr Norbert Willand was the worst off for sunburn, with swollen feet that he could hardly walk on. Mr Marx, who was shot in the right shoulder, said he was lucky that the bullet had gone right through. Mr Marx was uncertain about his future. He said when the Sidharta, of which he was co-owner, went down, he lost both his accommodation and his livelihood. All he wants to do now is get back to Singapore, where he has lived for the past fifteen years and find somewhere else to live. Of his adventure, all he would say was that it was a calculable risk, going to the Spratly Islands, and of course they did not know there were soldiers there.

"Captain Tadashi Inose, the Japanese master of the Linden, revealed they were just thirty minutes away from being marooned for another night of danger. 'It was very lucky that we spotted them in fine weather and just half an hour before sunset,' said the captain after arriving in Hongkong. The survivors' dinghy was spotted 230 miles from where they sent their last mayday message, an island called Amboyna Cay. Another day at sea could have been fatal for the four, who claimed they were attacked by Vietnamese troops. They have no proof of their claims.

"Radio ham Mr Diethelm Mueller (DJ4EI) was shot and lost overboard in the attack on Sunday, April 10. His friend, Mr Gero Band (DJ3NG), from Cologne, died from dehydration and was buried at sea shortly before the rescue. The West German government has condemned the shelling of the yacht and warned that it would make representations to the country responsible.

"(At) a press conference, reporters were banned from asking detailed questions. Mr Baldur, speaking in German, told what happened:

'We are a harmless crew of amateur radio enthusiasts trying to set up a transmitter from one of the ten rarest places you can get in the world- it is prized because nobody goes there. We are an experienced group and did not do things in a careless way,' he said.

"(He said) the crew did not know the Spratlys were occupied by Vietnamese troops, but saw military-looking buildings on their first destination, Amboyna Cay. 'We had already decided to head for another island about twenty miles away when the soldiers opened fire. There was no way to identify their nationality.'

"The first shot went into the water but the second salvo hit the captain heavily in the chest; he kept the boat under control and tried to hold our course to our new destination. Then our fuel tanks and two gas bottles ignited. The boat was on fire.'

"We had to leave but they kept firing at us with fragment shells. By chance the line to our dinghy burned through and Jenny dived in to get it. Diethelm Mueller was already dead. Even when we were in the dinghy they kept shooting.'

"We had no water, no bread, not anything else to eat and we had only swimsuits to wear - it was real hell,' said Mr Baldur."



The survivors (from left) Drobica Baldur, Norbert Willand, Jenny Toh Swee Neo and Peter Marx.

Photo courtesy South China Morning Post



## BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

May 14: Flux 153  
Prediction: Low Norm

C31XS 14223 23E 14  
EA8BF 21021 18C 14  
EA9IE 21297 18C 14  
HH2PR 50130 21E 14  
W4UWH/  
KP2 50103 21E 14  
KC6IN 14208 13C 14  
KX6TZ 14265 06W 14  
PJ9EE 50113 21E 14  
P29FS 14204 14W 14  
TR8DX 21036 21E 14  
VP2MO 50109 21E 14  
VP8ANT 21010 18C 14  
VS5HG 14208 15C 14  
ZD7BW 21325 17C 14  
JALLW/  
5NØ 14039 19E 14

May 15: Flux 143  
Prediction: High Norm

CT3BM 21356 18W 15  
C31XS 14223 00W 15  
D44BC 14212 05W 15  
HC2XA 14033 02E 15  
TU2JL 14218 03W 15  
VP5RAC 28584 22W 15  
VS5HG 14204 15W 15  
ZC4BI 21025 13E 15  
5H3JR 21430 18W 15  
5N8ARY 3799 01E 15  
5N2LED 14205 00W 15  
5W1DZ 28512 22W 15  
9M2RD 14222 15W 15

May 16: Flux 133  
Prediction: High Norm

A4XJV 21258 21E 16  
C21RK 14224 14W 16  
C6AEY 14243 00E 16  
EA8YH 21023 23C 16  
EA9KF 14246 00E 16  
HL9KE 14204 14W 16  
J37AJ 14010 22E 16  
P22AC 14219 02C 16  
TL8ER 21011 21C 16  
T77C 14026 23C 16  
VS6DX 14274 15W 16  
YJ8RG 21345 00C 16  
ZB2EO 14004 22E 16  
5NØHAS 21030 22C 16  
5Z4DR 21020 20E 16  
9M2HB 14224 14W 16

May 17: Flux 130  
Prediction: High Norm

A35JL 21261 00E 17  
CN2AQ 14227 03E 17  
CO2OM 14209 13W 17  
N6GY2/  
DUI 14217 14W 17  
FB8ZP 14207 03W 17  
FB8ZP 14225 13W 17  
FO8HG 21333 17C 17  
JY4MB 14209 03E 17  
J28AZ 14212 03E 17  
OX5RM 14202 03W 17  
T77C 14025 00C 17  
UL7KE 14025 00E 17  
UI8ADQ 14015 01E 17  
VK9ND 28557 02W 17  
VK9NC 14259 05W 17  
VQ9CB 14023 00E 17  
VU2AUB 14014 00E 17  
VU2AU 14214 11E 17

YB3DC 14209 13W 17  
YS9RV 14265 06W 17  
ZS6BPJ/3 21019 18C 17  
3B8DB 14223 11E 17  
3B8CF 14046 03W 17  
3B9DA 14210 03E 17  
3B9DA 14215 12E 17  
4X4AS 14201 04W 17  
5W1DQ 14309 05W 17  
9M6MO 14209 13W 17  
9V1VP 14224 14W 17  
9X5WP 14258 04W 17

May 18: Flux 134  
Prediction: High Norm

BV2B 14234 14W 18  
CP6EL 14204 05W 18  
PY1EFW/  
PYØT 14213 00E 18  
TR8DR 14002 22E 18  
VS5HG 14227 13W 18  
ZS5DU 14238 13W 18  
5V7WI 14005 23E 18

May 19: Flux 143  
Prediction: Low Norm

AP2SQ 14215 02E 19  
A92CE 14014 03E 19  
C53DF 21292 19C 19  
FB8ZP 14205 03W 19  
FC8TT 14035 00E 19  
FK8EJ 14208 06W 19  
H44IA 14219 11C 19  
JWØA 14004 22E 19  
JX5DW 21023 18C 19  
JX5DW 14027 22E 19  
J88BC 14222 03W 19  
KC6TR 14330 05W 19  
AH2AN 14211 06W 19  
KHØAC 14202 11E 19  
KX6OB 14224 14W 19  
OY7ML 14030 21W 19  
T3ØAT 21010 19C 19  
T32AB 14204 06W 19  
T77V 14202 01W 19  
UK7LAA 21023 15C 19  
UK8GAA 14034 03E 19  
UI8ADQ 14207 02E 19  
VK9NS 14219 04W 19  
YB2BLI 14225 14W 19  
YI1BGD 14283 04W 19  
ZK1CG 14199 06W 19  
3B9DA 14209 03E 19  
3D2CJ 14017 10E 19  
5B4MD 14266 03E 19  
5V7WD 21292 19C 19  
9H4B 14240 02E 19  
9J2DS 21292 19C 19  
9M2RD 14210 14W 19  
9M2FZ 14227 14W 19  
9N1MM 14235 01W 19  
9V1VP 14206 14W 19

May 20: Flux 149  
Prediction: High Norm

BY1PK 14014 01E 20  
BY1PK 14024 07W 20  
CN2AQ 14256 03E 20  
C21RK 14216 13W 20  
HZ1AB 14225 14W 20  
JW5VAA 14025 00E 20  
JX5DW 14026 02E 20  
JX5DW 14027 02W 20  
JY9CZ 14193 02W 20  
J28AZ 14250 04W 20  
KC6JA 14310 06W 20  
(E. Carols)

AH2AN 14211 11E 20  
KHØAC 14225 14W 20  
OH1AS/Ø 21033 18W 20  
OY1R 21025 16C 20  
P29SO 14211 11E 20  
P29GT 14255 11E 20  
TR8JLD 14007 01E 20  
EK9C/Ø 14013 02E 20  
VK9NS 14248 12E 20  
YBØACL 14222 11E 20  
YI1BGD 14216 04C 20  
YI1BGD 14217 05W 20  
F9UW/  
3A 14250 04W 20  
3V8AA 14025 00E 20  
4U1UN 14029 00E 20  
4X4UR 14244 04W 20  
6W8DS 14228 07W 20  
7X2LS 14210 02W 20  
9H1GZ 14016 01E 20  
9V1VP 14211 14W 20  
9V1UD 14011 14W 20

May 21: Flux 146  
Prediction: Low Norm

AP2SQ 14207 14C 21  
A71AD 21286 19E 21

FB8ZP 14211 12C 21  
KC6IN 14226 13C 21  
KC6DT 14010 12E 21  
(E. Carols)  
KX6AO 14230 13C 21  
OX3UD 14040 16E 21  
T3ØBS 21372 03C 21  
VK9NS 28598 01E 21  
V3DRG 21334 01W 21  
ZK9WCY 21351 03C 21  
ZL4OY/C 28505 02E 21  
Z23JJ 14013 14E 21  
4K1B 14024 13C 21  
6W8DS 14226 07W 21  
7P8CG 14247 14C 21  
9M2FK 14209 15W 21  
9V1VP 14200 13C 21

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DX CALL	OSL TO	TU4AT	HB9BTQ
AD8J/KP2	AD8J	TV6ICE	F2YT
A22BW	DK3KD	TZ6FIC	F6CRS
CEØZAD	WB6WOD	T32AF	WH6AIF
CN8EU	KA4S	UK1PGO	UK3SAB
EA8ZW	EA8SU	UZ4L	UA4LM
EK9C/Ø	KA6V	VP2EC	N5AU
EK9D/1	N8ACA	VP2EEM	K1MEM
FB8WI	F6GXB	VP2MKY	KY5R
FYØESE	DJ5KQ	VR6KY	LA7JO
FY7YE	W5JLU	VU2JXO	WA3TLB
GU5BLG	DL4FF	W1BIH/PJ2	W1BI.
HH2MC	KB4IT	W5RK/1P1	W5RK
HKØBKK	WB4QFH	YBØADJ	KA6N
HP1XK	DL1HH	YN1BO	SK7HW
J11LW/5NØ	JARL	ZD7WT	ZD8TM
KC4AAA	K9AUB	ZD8RB	W8LCZ
KG4AW	KA4TAY	ZD9BV	W4FRU
K1MEM/PJ7	K1MEM	ZP5XDW	N4DW
K2BS/C6A	W2GKH	ZY1JF	PY1DOQ
L88UX/OD5	L88UX	1AØKM	IØMGM
LU4MDR/Z	LU7MAY	3V8AA	ISØLYN
N3CLW/CEØ	K5MHZ	4T3S	OA4CIT
N5RM/SU	N5RM	4U1UN	W2MZV
OD5FB	WA2QAU	4X4MS/5NØ	DL8MAE
OZ3IH/OX	OZ3IH	5T5AP	PY4LJ
PA3ATA/LX	PA BUREAU	5T5RY	F6FNU
SJ9WL	SMØBMG	5W1EB	VK3DAK
SM5API/KP4	SM5API	5Z4CM	W5BCB
SM6HCX/OX	SM6HCX	5Z4CQ	KA7KSY
TL8CK	F6EWM	5Z4DR	YU3TU
TL8ER	F6GQK	6W8HL	WA4VDE
TL8GE	F6FYD	7P8CL	SM5GOJ
TO6EHE	REF	9Y4VU	W3EVW
TR8DX	WA4VDE		

DX CALL	QTH INFORMATION
C21RK	Box 139, Republic of Nauru
FG7BM	Box 1249, Pointe a Pitre, Guadeloupe
FO8BI	Box 5924, Papeete
J28CI	Box 1891, Djibouti
J28DN	Michelle, Box 1724, Djibouti
J88AY	Box 93, St. Vincent, W.I.
TR8IG	Box 740, Libreville
TR8JLD	Box 484, Libreville
T7ØA	Box 1, San Marino 47Ø31
YS1OD	Box 13ØØ, San Salvador
ZK1CG	Box 618, Rarotonga, Cook Is.
ZK2RS	PO Box 37, Niue Island
3V8PS	Box 473, Tunis
5H3FN	Box 9112, Dar es Salaam

CALENDAR

Bangladesh S2BTF rumored on SEANET; Issue 192  
 Caymans ZF2CM by KØBJ until Jun 1  
 Fr St Martin FGØHUL/FS by N3CQM until Jun 3; I 188  
 Montserrat VP2MIU by AB1U until Jun 6  
 W Carolines KC6YA by W9GW until Jun 3

Trindade Rumored Jun 5-15; I 192  
 Leichtenstein By PA group Jun 10-12  
 Ecuador Special HC1JB Jun 11/12; I 192  
 W6AM Rhombic Farm Open House Jun 12  
 Madeira G4JMB/CT3 by VS6CT Jun/Jul

St Kitts Jun 17- Jul 4 by W8 group; Issue 193  
 Fr St Martin FGØDDV/FS by NJDXA Jun 23-Jul 6; I 190  
 Mt Athos Rumored for Jun 25; I 191  
 St Pierre FPØ for Radiosport Jul 6-12; I 190  
 Market Reef Jul 22-Aug 1; I 189

Andorra C31YR by G8APZ Jul 16-24  
 Malpelo October; I 188

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 W7YF, WB2LCH, WØBW, WØJRN,  
 K8UNV, WB8ZRL.

"This tower will stand high wind,"  
 Tom stressed. (K8UNV)

"CQ 6 Meters,"  
 Tom said to himself. (K8UNV)

"I don't understand this TDXB  
 Survey Sheet,"  
 Tom said blankly.

"Finally got VU7,"  
 Tom said adamantly. (WB6RSE)

"Who needs radials?"  
 Tom asked groundlessly (KØCVD)

"The beam is right on you,"  
 Tom said pointedly. (KØCVD)

"KØCVD has contributed the  
 worst Swifties,"  
 Tom said curtly.

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